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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is supplemental to the amendment filed October 17, 2003. Please consider the following arguments.

### **Priority**

In their Preliminary Response Applicants provided reasons why the effective filing date of this application is February 11, 2000. The claims pending are fully entitled to claim priority to International Application PCT/US00/03565 filed February 11, 2000.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102**

1. Claims 39-46 and 49-51 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) or in the alternative under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Wood et al. (WO99/14328). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

When discussing this rejection in the preliminary response, Applicants incorrectly indicated the wrong effective filing date. In fact, Applicants are asserting that the claims pending in this application are entitled to the effective filing date of February 11, 2000. Wood et al., was published less than one year prior to the effective filing date of the present application. Accordingly, Wood et al is not a 35 USC 102(b) prior art reference.

Applicant's disclosure of their own work within the year before the filing date of a patent application cannot be used against Applicants. Accordingly Wood et al. is not a 35 USC 102(a) prior art reference.

2. Claim 39-46 and 49-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Valenzuela et al. (WO00/11015) (published March 2, 2000) which allegedly teaches a protein that is at least 100% identical to SEQ ID NO:96.

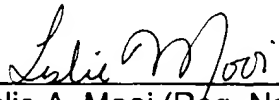
Applicants, in discussing this rejection in the preliminary amendment, incorrectly indicated the wrong effective filing date. The claims pending in this application are entitled to the effective filing date of February 11, 2000. The cited primary reference Valenzuela et al. has a publication date of 3/2/2000 which is after the effective filing date (2/11/2000) of the present application. Hence, Valenzuela is not prior art under 102(b), and does not anticipate the present claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The present application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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